CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 27.08.2013

The meeting was a **MEMBER'S MEETING** at which members of the Society made presentations of their own collections. 19 members were present.

President Brian Asquith declared the meeting open at 7.40pm.

1. **Ian Nutley – Invasion of Austria by Hitler**
   Ian presented material on the invasion of Austria by Hitler in 1938. Hitler aimed to unite Germany and Austria and the invasion took place without bloodshed.

2. **Peter Newman – East Germany**
   Peter displayed sheets of stamps for the years from 1979 to 1983 of East Germany. Most of the stamps were commemoratives.

3. **Gregory Loh – China/HongKong/Great Britain (GB)**
   Gregory showed the 12 animals which make up the Lunar New Year Cycle. He displayed some interesting first day covers for the Year of the monkey, cock, dog, pig and the horse. Then he showed some 1986-7 Hong Kong diamond jubilee scout jamboree camp special cancellations by the Jamboree Post Office for the Scout Association of Hong Kong. Finally, his display showed some high value GB stamps of Queen Elizabeth II, largely un-mounted mint blocks and gutter pairs.

4. **David Taylor – Exchange Controls**
   David's displayed letters which had labels to show that they had been subject to stringent inspections for Exchange Controls to ensure valuables were not leaving the country. He presented examples for the years 1933-1939 for Germany, Austria and Bohemia-Moravia.

5. **Michael Harris – Occupied Territories**
Michael presented covers from Alpine Italy, Alsace-Lorraine, Belgium (Ardennes), Estonia and Serbia, all of which had been occupied by Germany during the Second World War.

6. **Chris Hitchen - France**
Chris displayed a variety of covers with varying cancels. From 1876 the Head Post Office in Paris used a variety of different machines to produce the cancels.

7. **Paul Elliot – France/Scotland**
Paul's subject covered the many islands to the south of Australia which were largely uninhabited. Although Captain Cook had seen the islands they were claimed by France. A number of covers of Antarctica were also exhibited. A number of postcards advertising Scottish whisky were shown, particularly Sanderson's Scotch.

8. **John Schofield - France**
John presented some postcards and stamps showing a particular crusader castle in France.

9. **Alan Holverson – South Africa/Egypt/Austria**
Alan's display included self-adhesive stamps of South Africa, postcards sent to the British troops in Egypt in 1882, a cover of the Philatelic Crusade for Peace and Austrian postage stamps of the 19th century.

Members viewed the exhibits. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Graham Harker, Hon. Assistant Secretary
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